GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to delete the Marathi community livingin part of Kerala State from the Scheduled Tribes List of Kerala whereas the Marathicommunity living in parts of Karnataka State is retained in the Scheduled Tribes Listof Karnataka;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has recommended the retaining of Marathi community in the Scheduled Tribes List;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have taken steps in order to review its decision in this regard; and

(f) if so, the action proposed thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBALAFFA1RS (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE):

(a) and (b) Yes. Sir. The Marati Community of Kerala has been deleted from the ScheduledTribes List of Kerala vide the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment)Act, 2002 because the Government of Kerala, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes had recommended itsexclusion. The Marati community of Karanataka, which is notified as Scheduled Tribe inrelation to South Kanara a district has been retained in the list as there was no recommendation from the Government of Karnataka for its deletion.

(c) to (f) The Government of Kerala had subsequently recommended the retention ofthe Marati community in the list of Scheduled Tribes. The proposal of the Government of Korala has been processed as per the modalities approved for deciding such proposals.